

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Seiji HAMANO et al.

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For: INSPECTION METHOD FOR MASTER DISK
FOR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,
please enter the following specification changes as noted below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

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6. (Amended) The inspection method according to claim 4, wherein after aligning the image of the information recording section with the non-defective information with respect to the image of said marks, said step (d) repeats:

(d-1) dividing the image of the information recording section to obtain a division image;

(d-2) generating the non-defective information of a corresponding part each time said division image is obtained; and

(d-3) comparing said division image with the non-defective information of the corresponding part to inspect the geometric pattern of the division image of the information

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 remain pending herein. Claim 6 has been amended hereby.

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to eliminate multiply dependent claims from the above-identified application.

Examination of this application on its merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Claim Mark-ups

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

6. (Amended) The inspection method according to claim 4 [or 5], wherein after aligning the image of the information recording section with the non-defective information with respect to the image of said marks, said step (d) repeats:

(d-1) dividing the image of the information recording section to obtain a division image;

(d-2) generating the non-defective information of a corresponding part each time said division image is obtained; and

(d-3) comparing said division image with the non-defective information of the corresponding part to inspect the geometric pattern of the division image of the information recording section.